Duty levied on Rubber.

441. ❋MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether duty is levied on rubber exported from Travancore?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

Uncultivated Lands.

442. ❋MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any registered lands in the hills of Kalkulam and Vilavankod taluks remain uncultivated during the current year;

(*b*) the total area of such lands; and

(*c*) the reasons for non-cultivation?

MR. K KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Kalkulam taluk—Nil.
Vilavankod taluk—383 acres and 16 cents.

(*c*) The reasons are (1) the rocky and unfertile nature of the lands;

(2) want of capital for investment; and

(3) setting apart portions of land for growing green manure.

Land assigned for Cardamom cultivation.

443. ❋MR. TARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total extent of land assigned for cardamom cultivation in the Devicolam and the Peermade taluks, how much of it was registered in favour of Travancoreans and how much to foreigners?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: The statement called for is given below.

1. Total extent of land assigned for cardamom cultivation in the Devicolam and Peermade taluks.	About 57791 acres.
2. The area registered in favour of Travancoreans.	About 10153 acres.
3. The area registered in favour of foreigners.	About 47638 acres.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: What is the maximum acreage registered in the name of a single Travancorean?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Disafforestation.

444. ❋MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have disafforested any area from the forest for agricultural operation on a lease basis in 1117; and

(*b*) if so, the acreage and the places they have disafforested and the term of lease for allotment?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No; but leases for taungya cultivation of certain areas in reserved forests for a period of 3 years have been given.

(*b*) A statement of the places given on lease is furnished below:—

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